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1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: A container emptying device which includes a boxed-shaped container with a lockable hinged sidewall rotatable laterally toward an adjacent sidewall, the container being locked to a frame which is pivoted in a longitudinal direction, and the hinged sidewall being locked and unlocked by a mechanism on the frame and rotated laterally by a rotating mechanism attached to the frame is not shown or rendered obvious by the prior art.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to D. Bucci whose telephone number is (703) 308-3668.

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